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**AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 26, 2002,  
enclosed herewith are:

1. A separate paper entitled "Clean Copy of Replacement Claims" with a clean version of the claims (6 pages); and
2. A separate paper entitled "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made" with markings to show amendments to the claims (2 pages).

The above papers are incorporated herein by reference in their entireties as a part of this paper.

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